

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Currie et al.
For : **EXPANDABLE TIRE BUILDING DRUM WITH
ALTERNATING FIXED AND EXPANDABLE SEGMENTS,
AND CONTOURS FOR SIDEWALL INSERTS**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 16, please amend lines 1-4 as follows:

The biasing members 338 are disposed at axially spaced apart positions about the spindle 308, and are suitably in the form of rubber bands extending through corresponding holes ~~342a~~ 343a and ~~342b~~ 343b in each of the ramp elements 348.

In the Drawings

Cancel Figures 1C, 1D

Amend Figures 3B, 3C, 3D